

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

JAMES W. H. TRAIL,

A.M., M.B., C.M., &c.,

Candidate for the Chair of Botany in the University of Aberdeen.

From C. BARRINGTON BROWN, ESQ., Associate of the Royal School of Mines; late Surveyor to the Colony of British Guiana; lately in charge of an Expedition to the Amazon and its tributaries; Author of "Canoe and Camp Life in British Guiana".

SYDNEY MINES, NOVA SCOTIA,
29th January, 1877.

JAMES W. H. TRAIL, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your note of January 5, I have much pleasure in stating that during the time you held the post of Botanist to the expedition on the Amazon, which I had the honor to conduct, you performed your duties in a most efficient manner, and displayed great zeal in collecting and arranging the tropical products which you then gathered.

From your thorough knowledge of Botany and of subjects connected with that Science, I have no doubt of your being fully competent to fulfil the duties of a Professor of Botany.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

C. BARRINGTON BROWN.

From RICHARD OWEN, C.B., D.C.L., F.R.S., &c., &c., *Superintendent of the Natural History Department in the British Museum.*

BRITISH MUSEUM, 5th February, 1877.

DEAR Dr. TRAIL,—I have remembered with pleasure the opportunity of making your acquaintance before your departure for the Amazon, and discussing, among other topics, the philosophical and physiological relations of the Science to which you were especially attached. Its interests and advancement you have ably promoted by your observations and collections on that great river and its tributaries.

I have only to regret that the National Herbarium in the British Museum, founded by *Sir Joseph Banks*, and developed by Britain's greatest Botanist, *Robert Brown*, was deprived, through circumstances we could not control, of part of your collections.

If the University of Aberdeen should be favoured by securing your services as her Professor of Botany, she may confidently look to be the *Alma Mater* of student-generations of Botanists, who will add to her renown by the discoveries which, through your teaching and example, they will achieve in the Science of Plants.

Believe me

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

RICHARD OWEN.

From PATRICK BLAIKIE SMITH, Esq., M.B., C.M., *Physician to the
Aberdeen Dispensary, &c.*

193 UNION STREET, ABERDEEN,
1st February, 1877.

I HAVE much pleasure in supporting Dr. TRAIL in his candidature for the Chair of Botany in the University of Aberdeen. I believe him to be an excellent Botanist, and one who would fill the vacant chair with great credit both to himself and to the University.

PATRICK BLAIKIE SMITH.

From J. C. OGILVIE WILL, Esq., M.D., *Surgeon to the Royal
Infirmary, Aberdeen, and Examiner in Surgery for Degrees
in Medicine in the University of Aberdeen.*

12 UNION TERRACE, ABERDEEN,
8th February, 1877.

IT gives me very much pleasure to certify that I believe Dr. J. W. H. TRAIL to be extremely well qualified for the chair he now seeks; and I feel assured that his appointment would be regarded with much satisfaction by all connected with, or interested in, the University of Aberdeen.

J. C. OGILVIE WILL.

From ROBERT BEVERIDGE, Esq., M.B., L.R.C.S.E., &c., *Physician*
to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

36 KING STREET, ABERDEEN,
14th February, 1877.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the talents and acquirements of Dr. J. TRAIL as a Naturalist. During the whole of his career as an undergraduate, he devoted much time and attention to the study of the different branches of Natural History; and his services as Naturalist to an Expedition to the Amazon River, have shown the results of his careful prosecution of this branch of study.

I believe him well qualified for the Chair of Botany, for which he is presently a candidate.

R. BEVERIDGE.